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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Polygraph Testing


1. I have reviewed the package you sent me on the question of polygraph testing. I would appreciate the following backup information:

a. Of the samples indicated, a large percentage of new applicants were rejected on the basis of polygraph alone. Were the additional forms of investigation, such as interviews with friends, completed or was the applicant rejected on the basis of polygraph before the testing went forward? What did the polygraph show and how did we know it was a clear-cut case for rejection?

b. In the two test cases cited, what was the questioning like? What checks do we have to prevent the questionable and embarrassing interrogation techniques (e.g., questions on sexual behavior) that [redacted] alleges were formerly used?

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2. Would you give me a simple statement in layman's language summarizing the generally accepted view of the validity of polygraph techniques. What standards do the many agencies that use the polygraph use to measure the reliability of a polygraph test?


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